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In the Claims:

1.(presently amended) A hard surface treatment ~~An~~ composition which separates into at least two aqueous phases, an upper aqueous phase and a lower aqueous phase upon standing comprising:

- (a) 0.01 – 10%wt. of a mixture of a cationic surfactants comprising at least one dialkyl quaternary ammonium compound and an alkylbenzyl quaternary ammonium compound wherein at least one cationic surfactant having germicidal properties;
 - (b) 0.1 – 10%wt. of at least one nonionic surfactant;
 - (c) 0.1 – 10%wt. at least one component having irritation mitigating properties selected from the group consisting of amphoteric surfactant, anionic surfactant, and mixtures thereof;
 - (d) at least one electrolyte;
 - (e) optionally, one or more constituents for improving the aesthetic or functional features of the inventive compositions;
- and the remainder water, remaining balance to 100%wt., being water, wherein the volume ratio of the upper aqueous phase to the lower aqueous phase is between 20:80 – 80:20.

2.(presently amended) The composition according to claim 1 wherein in excess of 50%wt. of the (a) mixture of cationic surfactants ~~at least one cationic surfactant having germicidal properties~~ is found in the upper aqueous phase.

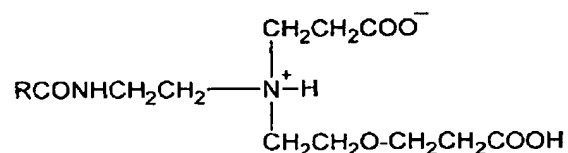
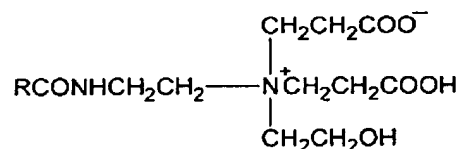
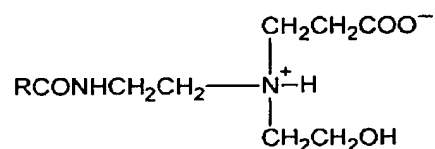
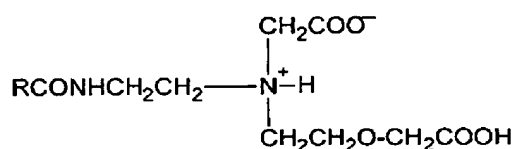
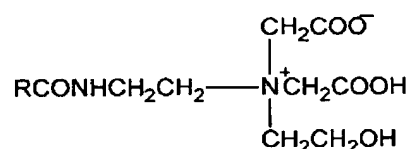
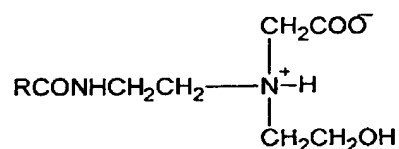
3.(original) The composition according to claim 1 wherein in excess of 50%wt. of the (c) at least one component having irritation mitigating properties selected from the group of amphoteric surfactant, anionic surfactant, and mixtures thereof is found in the upper aqueous phase.

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4.(original) The composition according to claim 3 wherein (c) at least one component having irritation mitigating properties selected from the group of amphoteric surfactant, anionic surfactant, and mixtures thereof is an amphoteric surfactant.

5.(original) The composition according to claim 4 wherein the amphoteric surfactant is selected from the group of compounds having the formulas



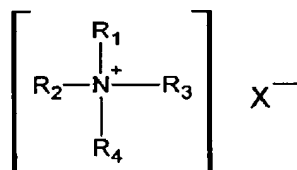
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wherein R is C₈ to C₂₄ alkyl.

6.(original) The composition according to claim 3 wherein (c) at least one component having irritation mitigating properties selected from the group of amphoteric surfactant, anionic surfactant, and mixtures thereof is an anionic surfactant.

7.(original) The composition according to claim 1 wherein the amount of (d) at least one electrolyte is present in an amount of from about 0.01 to about 5.0wt%.

8.(presently amended) The composition according to claim 1 wherein (a) the mixture of cationic surfactants comprises at least one cationic surfactant having ~~having germicidal properties has~~ the formula



where at least one of R₁, R₂, R₃ and R₄ is an alkyl, aryl or alkylaryl substituent of from 6 to 26 carbon atoms, X is an anion and the entire cation portion of the molecule has a molecular weight of at least 165.

9.(presently amended) The composition according to claim 1 wherein (a) the mixture of cationic surfactants comprises two cationic surfactants having germicidal properties.

10.(original) The composition according to claim 1 containing (e) at least one constituent for improving the aesthetic or functional features of the inventive

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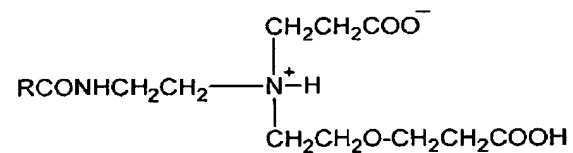
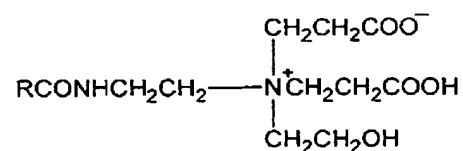
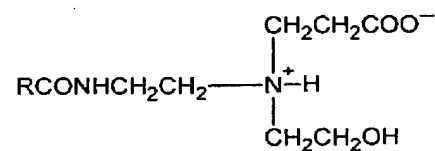
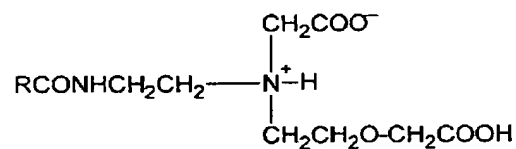
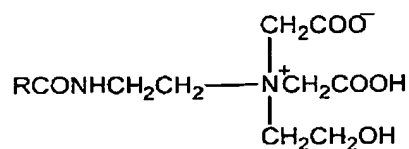
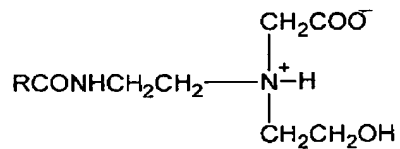
compositions selected from coloring agents, fragrances and fragrance solubilizers, viscosity modifying agents, other surfactants, pH adjusting agents and pH buffers including organic and inorganic salts, optical brighteners, opacifying agents, hydrotropes, antifoaming agents, enzymes, anti-spotting agents, anti-oxidants, preservatives, and anti-corrosion agents.

- 11.(presently amended) The composition according to claim 1 wherein (a) the mixture of cationic surfactants comprises a single cationic surfactant having germicidal properties.
- 12.(previously presented) The composition according to claim 1 which exhibits antimicrobial efficacy against one or more organisms selected from:
Staphylococcus aureus, *Salmonella*, and *Psuedomonas*.
- 13.(previously presented) The composition according to claim 12 which exhibits antimicrobial efficacy against one or more organisms selected from:
Staphylococcus aureus, *Salmonella*, and *Psuedomonas* in an aqueous dilution of 1 part of the said composition to 16 parts water.
- 14.(previously presented) The composition according to claim 12 which exhibits antimicrobial efficacy against one or more organisms selected from:
Staphylococcus aureus, *Salmonella*, and *Psuedomonas* in an aqueous dilution of 1 part of the said composition to 64 parts water.
- 15.(new) The composition according to claim 1 wherein the wherein the volume ratio of the upper aqueous phase to the lower aqueous phase is between 45:55 – 55:45.

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- 16.(new) A hard surface treatment composition according to claim 1 which separates into at least two aqueous phases, an upper aqueous phase and a lower aqueous phase upon standing comprising:
- (a) 0.01 – 10%wt. of a mixture of a cationic surfactants comprising at least one dialkyl quaternary ammonium compound and an alkylbenzyl quaternary ammonium compound wherein at least one cationic surfactant having germicidal properties;
 - (b) 0.1 – 10%wt. of at least one nonionic surfactant;
 - (c) 0.1 – 10%wt. at least one amphoteric surfactant having irritation mitigating properties selected from the group of compounds having the formulas

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wherein R is C₈ to C₂₄ alkyl, and mixtures thereof;

(d) at least one electrolyte;

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- (e) optionally, one or more constituents for improving the aesthetic or functional features of the inventive compositions;
 - and
 - (f) the remaining balance to 100%wt., being water,
- wherein the volume ratio of the upper aqueous phase to the lower aqueous phase is between 20:80 – 80:20.

17.(new) The composition according to claim 16 which exhibits antimicrobial efficacy against one or more organisms selected from: *Staphylococcus aureus*, *Salmonella*, and *Psuedomonas*.

18.(new) The composition according to claim 17 which exhibits antimicrobial efficacy against one or more organisms selected from: *Staphylococcus aureus*, *Salmonella*, and *Psuedomonas* in an aqueous dilution of 1 part of the said composition to 16 parts water.

14.(new) The composition according to claim 17 which exhibits antimicrobial efficacy against one or more organisms selected from: *Staphylococcus aureus*, *Salmonella*, and *Psuedomonas* in an aqueous dilution of 1 part of the said composition to 64 parts water.